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SUBJECT: SHARP INCREASE IN PRE-ELECTION TERRORISM

1. MACCORDS PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION REPORTS INDICATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A DRAMATIC UPSWING IN THE NUMBER OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS DIRECTED AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE CIVIL POPULATION DURING THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2. THE INCREASE HAS BECOME ESPECIALLY MARKED DURING THE PAST 2 DAYS. IN SAIGON-CHOLON ON SEPTEMBER 1, TERRORISTS THREW GRENADES AT A POLICE CHECK POINT, A POLLING PLACE, AND A VNAF ENLISTED MENS' QUARTERS. TERRORIST ALSO SHOT

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AND KILLED AN RMK CIVILIAN CONTRACT EMPLOYEE (U.S.), SHOT AND

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WOUNDED A USAID EMPLOYEE, AND SHOT AND WOUNDED A U.S. SERVICEMAN.

2. THE PATTERN OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS IS EVENLY DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND REFLECTS THE ENEMY'S COUNTRY-WIDE CAMPAIGN TO HARASS AND IMPEDE THE ELECTIONS BY INTIMIDATING THE VOTING POPULATION. THE ENEMY'S EFFORTS TO THIS END ARE REVEALED IN THE FOLLOWING PORTIONS OF A RECENTLY CAPTURED VIETCONG INSTRUCTION DATED JUNE 27 DIRECTED TO VIETCONG CADRE IN BIEN HOA PROVINCE:

"THE SEPTEMBER PHASE", THE DIRECTIVE SAYS, "IS AIMED AT DEMOLISHING THE DECEITFUL "PRESIDENTIAL" ELECTION COMEDY OF THE AMERICANS AND THEIR HENCHMEN THIEU AND KY".

"FROM NOW TO THE ENEMY 'PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DAY', "IT ADDS, "GUERRILLA FORCES ARE TO SEARCH OUT AND DESTROY EARLY ANY GROUP THAT PROPAGANDIZES AND ADVERTISES THE SO-CALLED TRICKY ENEMY ELECTION COMEDY.

"ON ELECTION DAY, GUERRILLA FORCES ARE TO STICK TO AND ATTACK AT ANY PRICE ALL ENEMY GROUPS THAT FORCE PEOPLE TO GO TO THE POLLS AND DISPERSE PEOPLE THAT ARE GATHERED BY THE ENEMY; THE SECRET SELF-DEFENSE MEMBERS ARE TO BE READY TO ATTACK RIGHT AT THE POLLING STATIONS OR OPERATE IN COORDINATION WITH THE GUERRILLAS TO DESTROY

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THE BALLOT BOXES AND PUNISH THE TYRANTS".

3. IN A MORE CONCRETE WAY, THE ENEMY'S ANTI-ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF GRENADE AND PLASTIC EXPLOSIONS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE IN AND NEAR POLLING PLACES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. FAVORITE NEW TARGETS ARE SCHOOLS AND RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS. SUCH BUILDINGS ARE NOT NORMALLY VC BOMBING TARGETS BUT HAVE BECOME SO IN RECENT DAYS BECAUSE MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS POLLING PLACES.

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